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November 2004 Newsletter

Well it's that time of year again. Yes the annual meeting is this month and the membership dues are collected. Enclosed you will find the membership application.

With the annual meeting comes the election of officers and board. We have had 2 members step down from their positions. We have asked Steve Gehres and Margaret Stafford if they were willing to fill those spots. They have agreed.
I will let you know who got what position in the next letter.

Thanks Peggy for the letter. Let her know if you have anything for the next display.

The meeting will be Saturday November 20, 2004 at the Museum at 10:00 AM. Please remember your chair.
See you then.

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Written by: Peggy Short

It is late in the season here, in the beautiful Southern Oregon Valley of the Applegate. The Museum is closed now after a very busy year. Many people came and enjoyed the beautiful gardens and shared stories.

I would like to thank each and everyone who has helped make the museum a success again. Tammy Durham's display of new and old Barbie dolls and Raggedy Ann's were a great hit. You never know how much history is involved until people come up and tell you stories about their first dolls. It was endless laughter as to the stories of how the dog ate the fingers and heads off, or that their first-born chewed all the toes off. I couldn't believe that other children did the same things that I remembered. The stories will be forever in my mind. I had many a good laugh. Some of the dolls are collectors and are worth a pretty penny! All of you who have them in a box in the garage should check out the books on the value of them. You might be pleasantly surprised. There are a lot of interesting stories to each and every one of them. Needless to say, Tammy's dolls were a hit!! Thanks again for the use of your interesting display I must say however, that it was tough when it was I that wanted to play with them all day long. Thanks again, it was awesome for you to do that.

I would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Calahan (Dave and Barbara) for their generous invitation to come to their home and let me help myself. And help myself is what I did.!!! I could of taken a whole truckload of stuff out of the house and then some. Your home should be a Museum in itself! It was fun to go and get what I needed to fill a whole case up. The old Radio's and gadgets were yet another big hit here. Everyone that came had a story to tell about their families having at least one if not more of them. It was fun to find out who had what, and where they came from. We had many a laugh about the old Blow Dryer. It is funny how history repeats itself. They are now a big splash again. I particularly loved the fact that everything you loaned us really worked. It seemed that the old RCA radio was in many households and someone from back east still has one that still works too. I guess it really was popular way back when. Just would like to say Thank-you for the beautiful display and know that I might be heading your way for next year's ideas again. (I will fill you in on the theme, It will be looking like a home!)

I would like to also thank Steve Geheres for the use of the phone. Everyone thought that it should be hooked up and used, as it is now "cool" to have "old" working things. Also thanks for the great ideas in many needed areas. We are all looking forward to you sitting on our "BORED"!!(hee-hee)Welcome aboard Steve.!!

I would also like to thank Isabelle for the great little kitchen mold she let us loan ffom her. Lots of people would love to use it for holiday Jell-O molds. Funny how the older things seem to get our attention more Thanks again for it!

I would like to welcome Margaret Stafford as one of our New Board members. She has always been here and had many interesting stories to tell about the Applegate Valley and surrounding areas. Her and Darrell have been busier then bee's and can tell you just about everything about everyone in the valley. Being History Buff's is just a fraction of their interests and they are full of a wealth of information. You don't need a book to find out about things, just call them and then you can go back as far as anyone can remember and then some. We are glad to have you on-board as well.

As far as the Museum's displays this coming year? We are hoping to set it up to look as though someone lives here. An Old Cabin with all the trimmings. We would like it to look like a home, from the Old wood stove down to the water basins for washing yourself. With all our neighbors and friend I think it will be another exciting season for us. I am currently accepting tentative loans for the year and am looking forward to each and every idea that comes my way. Please if you have and idea for us then let us know. I would love to have people come and help with the setup of new displays. March is just around the corner and it is time to get the list going for what we need.

We will be planting spring flowers in April and would love any donations of flats for the season. Any and all are welcome. You can never have too many flowers for the garden. Eventually I hope it will look as awesome as Bill and Cathy's garden next door. Their garden is more and more beautiful as the years go by. It is like eye candy. And you can never get enough of it! Hopefully and in due time, ours will look as awesome as theirs.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a Safe, Healthy, and Happy Holiday Season. May you all continue to enjoy life at it's fullest. On behalf of the Applegate Historical Society, we wish you all the Best of Health and Happiness for the New Year as well as for your families.

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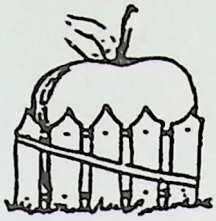

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

This part is your receipt. Thank you for being part of the society. Your dues will be up again in November of next year, you will be sent a reminder. Costs: 1 person $10.00 2 people $15.00 family $20.00.
Watch for our newsletter every other month.

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